

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Response, claims 1-20 are pending in the application. This paper cancels no claims. Following entry of this paper, claims 1-20 will remain pending.

Objection to Claim 20

The Examiner objected to claim 20 as reciting a trade name, specifically "Teflon." In response thereto, the Assignee has amended the claims to recite "polytetrafluoroethylene", thus eliminating the Examiner's objection and placing the application in condition for allowance.

The double patenting rejection

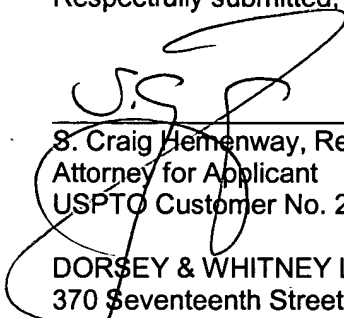
In the Office action dated April 20, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, as unpatentable over claim 1 of United States Patent No. 5,865,378 (the "'378 patent") and over claim 1 of United States Patent No. 6,629,651 (the "'651 patent"). The Assignee submits herewith a terminal disclaimer that disclaims the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term defined in 35 U.S.C. § 154 to 156 and 173, as presently shortened by any terminal disclaimer of the '378 patent and the '651 patent.. The Assignee respectfully submits the enclosed terminal disclaimer suffices to overcome the double patenting rejection.

This Amendment is submitted contemporaneously with a Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.321. Accordingly, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$110.00, for Terminal Disclaimer fee. The Assignee believes no further fees or petitions are required. However, if any such petitions or fees are necessary, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 accordingly.

If the Examiner should require any additional information or amendment, please
contact the undersigned attorney.

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